The details of amounts sanctioned and spent for the three components of poultry, sheep and piggery development under the Special Livestock Development Programme are as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Sheep		Piggery		Poultry	
	Sanctd.	Spent	Sanctd.	Spent	Sanctd.	Spent
1985-86	29.134	27.706	3.550	4.479	02.676	13.497
1986-87	25.030	29.780	4.460	7.708	10.790	14.247
1987-88	25.650	27.320	4.327	4.407	11.073	19.626
1988-89	20.460	24.212	8.205	5.070	13.416	15.942
1989-90	22.960	27.413	2.100	7.782	17.840	22.080
Total :	123.234	136.431	22.642	29.446	55.794	86.392

विषय कपास की पैदावार

605. श्री रामजीलाल: क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) इस वर्ष देश में कपास की कितनी पैदावार हुई तथा पिछले तीन वर्षों की तुलना में यह कितनी ज्यादा है;

(ख) सरकार द्वारा किसानों के हितों की रक्षा करने हेतु ऐसी कोई कार्यवाही न किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं जिसमें उन्हें इस संबंध में मंदी का सामना न करना पड़ता;

(ग) क्या इसे देखते हुए सरकार कपास का निर्यात करेगी; और

(घ) तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

कृषि मंत्री (श्री चतुरानन मिश्र): (क) 1995-96 मौसम के लिए कपास के उत्पादन का अनुमान 130.3 लाख गांठे (प्रत्येक 170 कि.ग्रा. की) रखा गया है जो 1992-93, 1993-94 और 1994-95 मौसम के उत्पादन से क्रमश: 16.3 लाख गांठे, 22.9 लाख गांठे और 9.2 लाख गांठे अधिक है।

(ख) सरकार ने कपास उत्पादकों के हितों की रक्षा के लिए कई कदम उठाए हैं। इनमें कच्चे कपास के लिए न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्यों की घोषणा, मिलों तथा ओटाई और प्रैसिंग फैक्टरियों के लिए भण्डारण सीमा में छूट, चयनित ऋण नियंत्रण में छूट, और कच्चे कपास तथा सूत के लिए अधिक निर्यात कोटे का जारी किया जाना शामिल हैं।

(ग) तथा (घ) इस वर्ष सरकार ने 1995-96 मौसम के दौरान निर्यात के लिए कपास की 13.65 लाख गांठे जारी की हैं।

Demands for Rickshaw Pullers in South Central Railways

606. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand has been made for a better deal by rickshaw pullers in South Central Railways particularly at Eluru Railway station;

(b) if so, the reaction of the South Central Railways thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken for consideration of demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) A representation has been received from Eluru Railway station Rickshaw Pullers Welfare Association for providing a shelter for Rickshaw pullers at Eluru station. As a matter of policy, no such shelters are provided to Rickshaw Pullers and hence there is no proposal to provide this facility.

Flouting of UGC Guidelines

607. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines laid down by the University Grants Commission for appointment to the posts of Professors, Readers/Associate Professors and Lecturers/Assistant Professors, and for Selection Committees to recommend such appointments;

(b) the procedure for reviewing periodically whether these guidelines are observed; and

(c) the number of instances since 1991-92 where the Commission has taken action against Universities flouting the guidelines and the nature of such punitive action?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telephone Facilities in Railway Coaches

608. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:
SHRI GOVIND RAM MIRI:
SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Minister has recently made announcement that telephone facilities will be made available in the Railway Coaches;

(b) if so, when will this scheme be effective;

(c) how much money will be spent on this;

(d) whether any pilot project has been undertaken with respect to this and if so, what are its results; and

(e) whether this facility will be of the advanced type like the one available in Western Countries or will it be of the older type which is already discarded in the developed countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is proposed to introduce this service for use of travelling passengers initially in the New Delhi-Mumbai Rajdhani Express after finalisation of logistics and tariffs. Later on, this service will be extended to other important mail/express trains depending on success and popularity of this scheme.

(c) The cost of equipments and accessories per train is about Rs. 10 lakh.

(d) A pilot project was undertaken by Indian Railways jointly with Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited and INMARSAT organisation to evaluate the possibility of providing telecommunication services on superfast trains using satellite communication system. The trials were conducted on New Delhi-Mumbai Rajdhani Express and Broad Gauge 'Palace on Wheels' trains and the trials were successful.

(e) This is the state-of-the-art technology based on satellite communication. INMARSAT had developed this technology initially for providing communication to ships. With the advancement in the technology of tracking antennae, it has become feasible to provide telecommunication services using this technology in high speed trains and aircraft. It is currently being used in many airlines all over the world.

Conversion of Madras-Egomore-Madurai Railway Line

609. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there had been a consistent demand from the Members of Parliament from Tamil Nadu for conversion of metre gauge into broad gauge line from Madras-Egomore to Madurai;

(b) if so, whether Government will consider this demand; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to survey the distance involved before undertaking broad gauge line construction in this section?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The work is already in progress and would be completed by March, 1998.

Fire in Paradeep Phosphates Ltd.

610. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a fire took place in Paradeep Phosphates Ltd;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted into the incidents;